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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants submit the following explanations as authored by applicants' Japanese representative:

1. Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 49-50463:

This publication discloses a switch using mercury. The switch comprises a medium room 1 filled with mercury. Two electrodes are positioned at each end of the room. The room is formed by elastic material (e.g., rubber). The room is deformed by nipping with push button 10 to divide the mercury in order to disconnect one of the electrodes with the other.

2. Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 48-102271:

This publication discloses a switch using mercury. The switch comprises a tube formed by elastic material (e.g., rubber) and two electrodes positioned at each end of the tube. The tube is deformed in a radial direction to divide the mercury in order to disconnect one of the electrodes with the other.

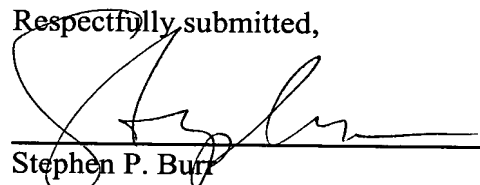
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